

# LONG ISLAND MARITIME MUSEUM

## Baymen's Oral History Group

- John & Mildred Tucker ▪

John L. Tucker was born on 05 August 1898, the eldest son in a family of six girls and four boys. With the exception of an older sister, born in 1896, none of the children married. All the boys in the family went on to become baymen.

LIMM Research Associate John Kochiss recorded this interview with Mr. Tucker and his younger sister Mildred, at their West Sayville home in April 1977.

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### TAPE: Tucker Family Life

- Family tradition as baymen (0:00-10:00).
- Family life & Dutch heritage-West Sayville (10:00-30:00).

### TAPE: Tucker Oystering-1

- West Sayville oyster industry (0:00-17:00).
- Oystering vessels (17:00-31:00).

### TAPE: Oystering-2

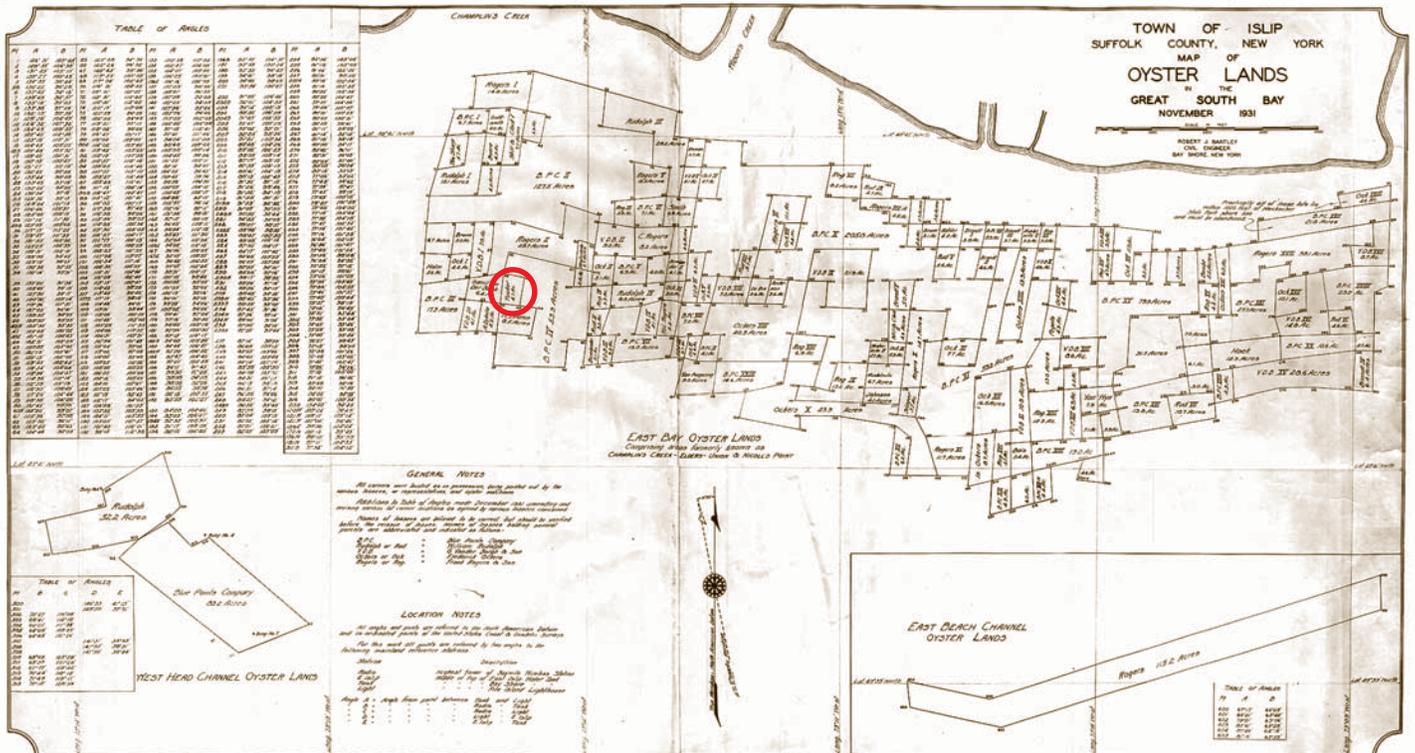
- Continuation of oystering on the bay (0:00-21:00).
- Catching winkles (21:00-24:00).
- Sailmaking (24:00-28:00).

### TAPE: Oystering-3

- Tucker's workboat, "Jennie Ockers" (0:00-4:00).
- From the bay to the market to the table (4:00-25:00).

All times are approximate indications of subject/topic areas.

"Defiance" and "Jennie Ockers" on Green's Creek in West Sayville. John and Leonard Tucker's oyster house on right.



Town of Islip, Suffolk County NY: Oyster Lands in the Great South Bay, November 1931. Tucker's parcel (4.7 acres) is circled.